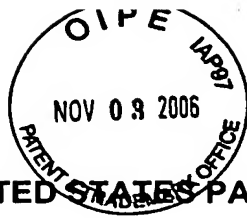


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS;

REMARKS are included following the amendments.